

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 12, 2023
7:00 PM**

The meeting was held within Council Chambers at the Bridgeville Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually on the website www.Zoom.us. Council President William Henderson led a moment of silence for the recently departed members of our community and those serving in the military.

ROLL CALL – Roll was called at 7:00 PM with the following present:

Council President William Henderson
Council Vice President, Nino Petrocelli, Sr.
Council President Pro Tem Joseph Colosimo
Councilman, Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilman, Joseph Verduci
Councilman Nicholas Ciesielski
Councilwoman, Justine Cimarolli

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, Asst. Fire Chief Bob Siegwarth, Police Chief Chad King, EMS Director Dan Miller, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, stated that the mortality rate in Bridgeville is the highest in the area due to poor air quality as cited in a 20+ year old Pittsburgh Post Gazette news article. Mr. Tolmer stated that the source in our area is Universal Stainless. Mr. Fryer then encouraged the Council to incorporate both four-lane widening of both Bower Hill Road and Washington Avenue in the new Comprehensive Plan. He also asked the Parking Authority to purchase the vacant corner lot at James Street and Washington Avenue to expand parking in the downtown area. Lastly, he shared a shade-tree plan he prepared for the south-end of Washington Avenue.
2. Leroy Fredrick, 627 Baldwin St., Apt. 1, stated that he has organized a nonprofit organization called “Feeding Bridgeville” that is working to address hunger needs in our community. He stated that he is currently collecting shoes to help fund his programs and is looking for support of a building or space to expand their operations. Mr. Henderson asked him if he works with the Bridgeville Meals on Wheels or Food Bank. Mr. Fredrick stated that he is working with the Bridgeville Food Bank and the 412 Food Rescue. Mr. Verduci asked how he works with the Food Bank. Mr. Fredrick stated that they partnered to supply food to each other. Mr. Henderson commended him for his efforts to help the community.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the May 8, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the June 2023 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the June 16, 23, 30, and July 7 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; the motion was carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-6, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Chartiers Park Greenway Trail Project, motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Henderson stated that the project is a recommendation from the Active Transportation Plan to reconstruct and complete the walking trail at Chartiers Park. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the disbursement of Partial Payment No. 2 / Final to Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of \$10,018.75 (\$8,349 paid by the Borough and \$1,669.75 paid by Char-West COG with CDBG grant funding) for the Triangle Park ADA Walkways Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the disbursement of Partial Payment No. 4 / Final to Stash Contracting in the amount of \$7,850.60 for the Baldwin Street and Margaret Street Demolition Project was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Ms. Cimarolli asked if all the contractor's equipment has been removed? Manager Kauer stated that the contractor finished the remaining seeding work last week finishing the project. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 / Final of the 2023 Roadway Improvements Program, decreasing the contract by \$14,638.37 based on filed measurements and in-place quantities, and authorizing the disbursement of Payment No. 1 / Final in the amount of \$254,416.13 to Youngblood Paving, Inc was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the advertisement requesting bids for the 2024-2027 Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection, Disposal and Processing Contract. (*Note: four-year contract, bid opening scheduled for August 7, 2023.*) Motion to table was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously. The Borough Manager reported that he is working on a bid alternate for automated service and expects to have the bid document ready in a couple of weeks. It was also asked that alternate contract years be included in the contract. Solicitor McDermott stated that haulers are slowly transitioning to automated service, including fleet modernization to accommodate such. With this he said that is how haulers are lowering or keeping costs steady versus the traditional unlimited service arrangement.

9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$91,200 from the Capital Project Fund to Sports & Recreation Associates for Invoice No. 2 / Final for the Chartiers Park Playground Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$54,746.41 from the Capital Project Fund to A. Merante Contracting, Inc. for Partial Payment No. 4 for the Werner St. Slope Stabilization and Retaining Wall Improvements Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli. Mr. Henderson stated that this invoice is for work completed on Union Street. Motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – May 2023 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the May 2023 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept all submitted May 2023 official reports was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski commended the staff for their work to secure grant funding for multiple borough projects. He also stated that he looks forward to seeing everyone at Saturday’s Day on the Avenue event.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the new playground at Chartiers Park has been completed and that we are still waiting on a start date on the new playgrounds at both Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks. He also reported that a Cornhole Court has been added to McLaughlin Run Park and that if you want to play on it, you just need to bring your own bags. Lastly, Mr. Colosimo reported that additional children’s activities have been added to Day on the Avenue this year including a mini-golf course and that it is on track to be the biggest event in history with 120 vendors.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci had no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported the Movie in the Park that was held last Friday at Cook School Park was well attended, and that the next event is June 23rd, showing “Bringing Up Baby”. The mayor also reported that Flag Day is Wednesday, June 14th and that a ceremony will be held at 7PM at the Borough Building.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King had no report.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there were any.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Siegwarth reported that the Department responded to 26 calls for service in May.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that on June 27th, the Society will hold its annual meeting at 6:45PM and then have the monthly speakers program that night at 7:30PM.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Ben Hornfeck reported that the Summer Reading Program started today and that they recently made a new appointment to the Library Board. He reported that it is Mr. Jason Ferri.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that the next Authority meeting will be held on June 19th, and they plan to advertise for part-time meter enforcement help. She also stated that the Authority took a financial loss during the bridge closures offering free public parking with hopes of helping our business community.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is making progress with the new Plan and that a public meeting is scheduled for August 16th to present its recommendations. She stated that the Commission will have a booth at Day on the Avenue passing out information inviting citizens to this meeting.

Ms. Cimarolli stated that the Planning Commission is also discussing a plan to create a Meadow at McLaughlin Run Park in partnership with the Rotary and Lions Clubs. She also reported that earlier this month she met with representatives from Tree Pittsburgh to coordinate the tree planting on Baldwin Street that is planned for this fall. Regarding trees, she reported that she has received approval from the Post Office to plant trees in front of their building on Washington Avenue and that Bethany Church is still discussing the request. Lastly, she reported that the Commission is now studying the creation of a Rental Property Registration / Inspection program for the Borough.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that the Union Street Landslide Project has been completed including the roadway restoration and guard-rail installation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Henderson stated that a Zoning Ordinance amendment recommendation has been received from the Bridgeville Planning Commission, recommending that parking pads be prohibited in front yards in Residential Districts.

Ms. Cimarolli stated that the Commission has seen this topic to be an issue on some of the Borough's gateway streets where it is leading to changing the character of the neighborhood

adversely.

Mr. Petrocelli stated that he thinks this is ridiculous and that many areas in Bridgeville have no choice but to park in their front yards. Mr. Tolmer, in the audience, asked Mr. Petrocelli if it would be ok if his neighbor concreted their entire front yard and filled it with parked cars?

Mr. Ciesielski stated that some guidelines are needed to make it better for all.

Mr. Colosimo stated that his street doesn't have vehicle access to the back yards and if this were implemented that they would need to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for permission.

Mr. Ghelarducci stated that there should be some guidelines. Mr. Verduci stated that no parking in the front yard is the proposed guideline.

Mr. Henderson stated that the Planning Commission studied this issue for months and that the Council will need time as well to further discuss this recommendation. He recommended that the Administration Committee review it further. Solicitor McDermott offered to provide some advice as well.

Mr. Verduci stated that at Day on the Avenue, the Rotary Club will be operating a dunk tank with many Borough officials volunteering to be dunked. He stated that all funds raised go to the Rotary Club's Scholarship Fund. Lastly, he stated that the Rotary annual chili cookoff will be held on September 17th at Fairview Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary